

From: [Deacon Tom Lang](#)
To: [Geist, Laura \(DHHS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 2:30:53 PM

Thank you Laura! We're getting lots of questions from our Board and Service Providers, so I will let them know about this updated info.

Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: Geist, Laura (DHHS) (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
To: Deacon Tom Lang <deacontomlang@verizon.net>
Cc: Derman, Barbara (DHHS) (DHHS) <DermanB@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tue, Nov 28, 2017 2:25 pm
Subject: RE: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Hi Tom,

Thank you for sending from your personal email. Technology is not being friendly for us!

There has been an issue with coding for the agreement. The State changed our Accounting software, and this is causing some additional delays.

I have been told that the issue should be resolved in the next few days. As soon as the agreement is coded, we will release it out for signature.

We will be backdating the agreement to October 1. The work that your agency and Service Providers have been completing will be able to be reimbursed.

I apologize for the delays, and I appreciate you bearing with us. We are near resolution, thankfully.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Laura

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From: Deacon Tom Lang [<mailto:deacontomlang@verizon.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Laura -

Quess Derman told me today that you have a problem receiving Comcast emails. That's odd because all of

mine to Quess and others at "michigan.gov" go through no problem. Gotta love technology!

I'm therefore trying again via this email address.

See below. On October 23, 2017, you anticipated that we would have an Agreement to sign within a week or two. Five (5) weeks have now passed and we still do not have the Agreement. Can you please check on the status so that I can report to our Board and our Service Providers?

Thank you!

Tom

From: Thomas Lang <VPofOperations@realalternatives.org> on behalf of Thomas Lang <ra-operations@comcast.net>
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 at 1:51 PM
To: "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Laura -

Since we're now approaching three (3) weeks since your email to me below, I was wondering if you could give me a current status so that I can report to our President & CEO and Board of Directors?

Thank you!

Tom

From: "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 12:28 PM
To: Thomas Lang <ra-operations@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Hi Tom,

The materials are moving through the formal approval process. The MDHHS approval process is 8 levels of approval and account coding, and it usually takes a week or two.

As soon as the application is fully approved, you will receive a notice that the agreement is ready for Kevin's signature.

Thanks!

Laura

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From: Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast [mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Did you receive this?

What is the next step to getting the contract signed?

From: Thomas Lang <ra-operations@comcast.net>
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 4:34 PM
To: "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

We submitted the Application!

From: "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 3:33 PM
To: Thomas Lang <ra-operations@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Tom,

The document has been updated in EGrAMS.

Thank you,
Laura

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From: Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast [<mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Proposed Michigan DHHS/Real Alternatives Grant Agreement

Laura -

In an effort to keep this process moving forward, I wanted to give you some additional contract language that will need to be included.

With reference to your email of September 20, 2017, and specifically, paragraph 5, we need to memorialize your answer directly in the Grant Agreement so that it is binding upon anyone else who desires to interpret the agreement in the future. Therefore, at the very beginning of Attachment E, please include the following:

“The contracting parties represent and agree that this Attachment is deemed to supersede and take precedence over any terms or conditions of the Grant Agreement between the parties.”

In addition to the “RAPID” paragraph that is already in Attachment E (which should now be numbered “1”), please add as paragraph “2” the following to memorialize the reality that is the subject of paragraph 3 of my September 12, 2017 email to you, and your response of September 20, 2017:

“The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is the ‘recipient’ of federal TANF funds, Real Alternatives is a ‘subrecipient’ of federal TANF funds through the Michigan Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program, and the contracting Service Providers of Real Alternatives are ‘vendors’ or ‘contractors’ of Real Alternatives and are not ‘subrecipients’ of any funds through the Michigan Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program.”

Thank you!

Tom